

1 THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. CR19-009-RSL
9 Plaintiff,)
10 v.) ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
11 GIDEON BEWLEY,) MOTION TO SCHEDULE A
12 Defendant.) SENTENCING HEARING VIA
13) VIDEOCONFERENCE
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THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a sentencing hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under the General Orders, felony pleas and sentencing may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A sentencing hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Bewley would like to have his sentencing hearing as soon as possible and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Bewley wishes to have his sentencing hearing as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery

1 process. Mr. Bewley believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a
2 timely resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

3 (d) a videoconference sentencing hearing would avoid further delays in the
4 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
5 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a sentencing
7 hearing via videoconference at the earliest practicable date and after coordination
8 between the Court and the parties.

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10 DONE this 22nd day of October, 2020.

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14 ROBERT S. LASNIK
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

16 Presented by:
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18 /s/ Gregory Geist
19 Assistant Federal Public Defender
Attorney for Gideon Bewley
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